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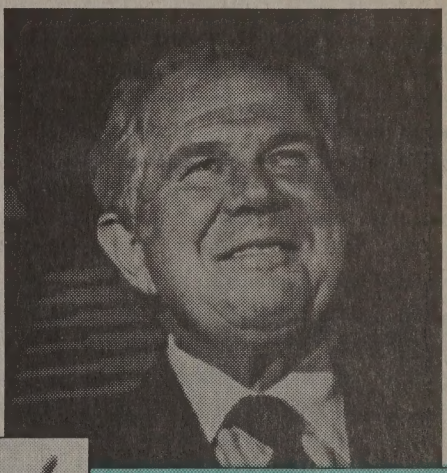
REV. MEL WHITE JAILED

Confronts Radical Right Fundamentalist in his own territory

On Valentine's Day, Mel White and a delegation of gay and lesbian and mainstream Christian leaders traveled to Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach to call on him to recognize that hate crimes against gays and lesbians are increasing at an alarming rate and to ask him to join them in denouncing these crimes and those who commit them. "It is time," White said, "that we stop the wanton killing and maiming of gays and lesbians for no other reason than hate and bias. The words that encourage these acts of violence must be stilled."



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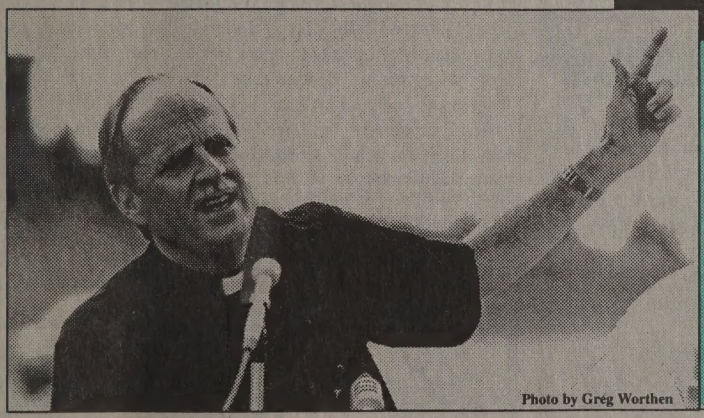

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Rev. Dr. Mel White (left) points out to Pat Robertson (top) that his words of hate and intolerance are resulting in crimes of violence being done to gays and lesbians.

SPIRITS HIGH, REV. MEL WHITE SHOWING SIGNS OF WEAKNESS, DISORIENTATION AS FAST/IMPRISONMENT CONTINUES IN VIRGINIA BEACH

Virginia Beach As Ground Zero News goes to press on Monday, February 27th, Mel White will have marked the fourteenth day of fasting and the thirteenth day of imprisonment for an act of conscience. Thousands across the country have sent him well wishes and expressions of support for his simple cause--his call for Pat Robertson to end the Rhetoric of Hate that is causing death and pain to untold numbers of gay and lesbian people.

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EYE OF THE NEWT

In 1985 now Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (right) seemed to be on the path to making an enlightened and timely observation that could have proven that his humanitarianism superceded his political agenda when he stated at a 1985 meeting:

"AIDS is a real crisis. It is worth paying attention to , to study. It's something you ought to be looking at."

However, he followed this with a statement revealing his true nature:

"AIDS will do more," Gingrich predicted, "to direct Americans back to the cost of violating traditional values, and to make America aware of the danger of certain behavior than anything else we've seen," **He concluded,** *"For us, it is a great rallying cry."*

THE MEETING GINGRICH SPOKE AT WAS ENTITLED "How to win an Election."

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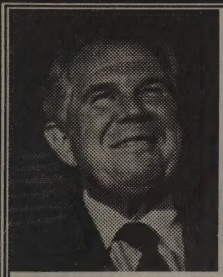

MEL WHITE JAILED trying to convince Pat Robertson to end the hate!

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"Homosexuals represent the cult of death because you don't procreate. If Pat Meets with you, he would give your movement credibility."

CBN Chaplain Mark Johnson for Robertson

On Friday, the 24th, when asked when Robertson might be available for an appointment, the security guard replied "For you, never!!!"

On Valentine's Day White and a delegation from gay and lesbian and mainstream churches journeyed to CBN, Pat Robertson's mega campus and capital of his religious empire in Virginia Beach. They took with them a request for Pat to meet with his former acquaintance, Mel White, to discuss what each could do to end the ever growing crimes of hate being perpetrated against gays and lesbians.

On that day, White was told that Pat would never meet with him because he represented a "CULT OF DEATH" because gays and lesbians do not procreate and to meet with White would legitimize his cause. White proceeded to sit in the CBN gift shop and read the book that he authored for Robertson. 4.5 hours later he was physically ejected out the back door by security guards.

On the fifteenth, White and the delegation returned and were rebuffed. White was told to leave, saying if he did not he would be trespassing. White responded, "As an act of civil disobedience and in the name of Christ, I refuse to leave." With that, he was handcuffed and placed under arrest. White was arraigned the next day, and refused to promise he would not return to CBN for a reduced bail. He has remained incarcerated since.. His trial date is March 28th.

White has refused food saying he will fast until Robertson

1. Acknowledges the growing number of hate crimes against gay and lesbian Americans and,
2. Condemns those hate crimes and the people who incite or commit them.

Further, White has declined to be freed from jail unless Robertson himself drops the charges.

Each day, a delegation, under the heading "BEARING WITNESS," led by mainstream and gay and lesbian Christian and Jewish religious figures, has returned to the Compound to ask that Robertson meet with White. They always number twelve and bear gifts for Robertson and messages of peace. Others wait outside while this simple and non-combative approach is made. To date, Robertson has not responded directly but he has put out a press release telling the press to ignore White as this is only a "publicity stunt."

White is said to be in good spirits but those who are seeing him observe that he is weakening and has difficulty concentrating. Additionally, a chronic condition that caused his lips to crack open and bleed is apparent.

White's jailers do not seem to distinguish between prisoners like him and their violent criminals, treating White in all respects just as they treat murderers. After a number of requests, they have allowed him a pencil stub and a few sheets of paper on which he can write. Finally, after several requests they have allowed him five books at a time that his life partner, Gary Nixon, selects for him and delivers.

He complained of being extremely cold, probably even more so because of his weakened condition, and this complaint was ignored. Repeated requests that he be allowed long johns brought in were only reluctantly granted. He drinks a glass of skim milk in the morning, water during the day and a glass of tang in the evening. Despite the fact that he requested GatorAde, he was refused. It was reported that his jailers had said if he didn't eat jail food, he got nothing. Later, they denied this and said it is only that they do not carry GatorAde. Gallons of GatorAde have been delivered to the jail but he is still refused any.

Despite his chronic health condition, he is refused medication for the condition, it only being allowed to be brought in by his attorney and taken out when the attorney leaves. No concern is being shown for is health in light of the fast. Because he is gay, he is held in isolation..."for his own safety."

As of now, a support Rally is being planned in Virginia Beach/Norfolk on March 5. Details are being worked out but an outpouring of support is being sought. GZ believes that sympathy rallies should be held around the country. Letters of support may go to Mel in jail, addressed to Rev. James Melville White, P.O. BOX 6098, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456.

"As an act of civil disobedience and in the name of Christ I choose to stay." Mel White

Upon hearing these words, Virgnina Beach Police arrested Rev. Mel White (right).

Ground Zero Special
An interview with
BILL WASSMUTH
Director of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment and recognized authority on activities of the White Supremacist Movement
by Julie Cooper

Faith in what is fair and the right way to treat people, all people, are the passions that drove Bill Wassmuth of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment (NWC) to Colorado mid-February.

Wassmuth, former chair and now Executive Director for NWC, testified February 14th in support of HB 1257, the "Hate Crimes" bill killed in the state's financial committee February 17. The bill would have commanded harsher sentences for crimes motivated by bias. .

"Bias crime laws, properly enforced, take criminals off the street so that they cannot commit the crime again," Wassmuth told the state legislature. "And bias crime legislation provides recourse for the victim of hatred, reassuring them that society and its laws will stand by them."

Bias crime laws are protectors of groups of people regularly victimized because of who they are, according to Wassmuth. They send the message that it is not ok to harm people because of who they are.

Forty-six states have some sort of law criminalizing hate crimes, including Washington, according to Wassmuth.

Washington's hate crime law includes gender, race, religion, age and sexual orientation. The NWC supported and testified for this piece of legislation.

The NWC formed in 1987 to address the issue of malicious harassment and violence based on race, ancestry, national origin, religion, gender and sexual orientation. It presently boasts a coalition of over 250 organizations and groups from Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington, Wyoming, and has recently extended to include Colorado.

The NWC is a (501)(c)(3), non-profit, organization based in Seattle, WA, that receives its funding from grants and private contributions. It tracks and monitors acts of malicious harassment by individuals and groups, especially those advocating racial supremacy and/or acts of violence and harassment toward anyone based on who they are.

The Coalition assists communities, groups and individuals in establishing peaceful and effective means to eliminate acts of harassment and violence. It also provides educational materials and community organizing support to combat grassroots bigotry.

And bigotry is

NWC

a subject that Wassmuth knows all too well. An activist for most of his adult life, Wassmuth organized a Human Rights rally in 1986 to coincide with the Aryan Nation's annual congress in a nearby Idaho town. Wassmuth was then a priest at Pope Pius X church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Several months after the rally, Wassmuth's home was bombed, blowing out a rear section of his house. The bomber had intended to kill Wassmuth by placing the bomb inside the house, but planted it outside instead. That move probably saved Wassmuth's life.

Undeterred, Wassmuth shortly afterwards organized a rally to reaffirm the community's commitment to human rights.

When Wassmuth left Idaho and his parish behind for Seattle, he became the obvious choice to head the new and struggling Northwest Coalition.

Five states and 200 organizations later, Wassmuth travels around the region encouraging organizations to build bridges and coalitions.

"We need to address bigotry as a whole and not just piece by piece," Wassmuth said in a Ground Zero interview, "and that is best addressed when the whole community comes together in community organizations."

"This is not the time to go it alone," Wassmuth continued. "We need to stay encouraged, keep our vision and be active now so we can be stronger in the future."

Wassmuth was in Colorado to meet area organizations and make connections for NWC.

The NWC agreed to extend its boundaries to Colorado on an invitation from several activist leaders, including Jack Lang Y Marquez who now sits on the board and is Vice President of the NWC. Ground Zero's own Frank Whitworth is also a board member.

The defeat of the hate-crimes bill sent Colorado NWC back to the office to re-focus strategy and review the bill for positive changes in the wording.

Wassmuth and the NWC will study some sections of the bill for alteration in its phrasing, exclusive of the groups involved, that led to its demise, according to Marquez.

Over the next year, the NWC hopes to build coalitions of various interests that will help the bill pass, Marquez said.

"We will look at how to line up groups who have an interest in the passage of the bill and broaden the base of support to include churches," Marquez told Ground Zero. "We want to make it politically difficult to vote against it next year."

WE GOOFED

In last month's edition of *Ground Zero News*, our own Julie Cooper contributed an article on COORS that required hundreds of hours of research. Inadvertently, Julie's name was deleted by a computer with a mind of its own.

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Kevin Tebedo threatens GOP SPLIT

Acknowledges Agenda of Exclusion

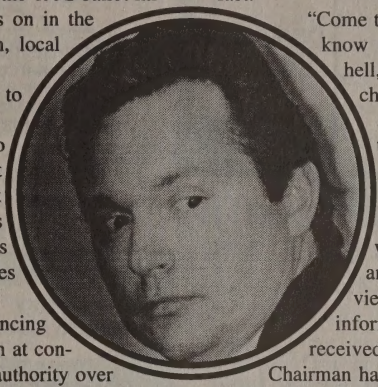
by Julie Cooper

Gays and liberals are not welcome and do not belong in the Republican Party, according to a letter Kevin Tebedo sent National GOP Chairman Haley Barbour in January.

"A party that will allow - even promulgate - the redefinition of the family to include homosexuals or anything other than what the American people know to be right, cannot be trusted with our property rights," Tebedo wrote.

Tebedo went on to warn, "If the party doesn't get it straight, conservative Republicans will take their 'family values' and form a new political party."

The hatred and intolerance that spawned the 1992 ballot initiative, the notorious Amendment 2, lives on in the words Tebedo, observed Michael Duncan, local attorney.



Tebedo goes on to reveal his bigotry to Barbour:

"A party that will not take it upon itself to demand that American youth be taught clear and definitive standards of conduct related to sexuality, obedience to parents and authority, violence and personal habits of speech will not be the party that presides over tax issues," according to Tebedo.

Tebedo also threatens the GOP by announcing that any party that doesn't regard an ovum at conception a human being will not be given authority over foreign policy, according to the letter.

In a series of double-negatives and juxtapositions, Tebedo alludes to the fact that God should guide the politics of the Republican Party. Who should be God's interpreter to the GOP, Tebedo didn't say.

"The weight around the Republican neck is not the idea that God should play a role in the Republican politics as He did in the founding of this nation," Tebedo wrote.

Tebedo concludes in the letter: "The weight is those ideas disguised as angels of light, but are black of heart. The weight paints conservative republican ideals as laughable archaic and ill-fated...The party is in the catbird seat now, let it not get eaten by the feline of hypocracy." (huh?)

"I fail to see what the so-called 'scientific fact' of human life beginning at conception has to do with tax issues," Duncan stated in a recent NOW newsletter. "Then again, I never learned that fact."

"Come to think of it," Duncan reflects, "the God I know does not even condemn homosexuals to hell, nor does he compel a woman to bear a child against her will."

Ground Zero News attempted to contact the Republican National Committee for a comment. In fact, we did speak to a number of people at the RNC. Our impression is that this was a very hot potato and we were passed from one pair of hands to another. No one wanted to take the risk of a viewpoint. Finally, after several days, we were informed by Mary Crawford that they had received the letter from Tebedo and that the Chairman had responded. Crawford went on that "it is not our policy to comment on private correspondence," continuing that they take all letters seriously. Crawford, by taking this ploy, skirted commenting on the sentiment of the Tebedo letter or the RNC's opinion of its contents. We take this as a "NO COMMENT." Those two words speak as clearly as would a definitive comment.

AND KEVIN STRIKES AGAIN

eDenver, CO---Gays and Lesbians Against Immoral Lifestyle today pointed out that hate-crimes proponent and CFV leader Kevin Tebedo is himself charged with hitting a woman and a mother of two [Ed. Note--Tebedo is charged with harassment].

As reported last November in the Denver Post, Tebedo on Tuesday, October 25, allegedly hit Rita Ague of Colorado Springs after Ague jokingly asked if Tebedo was admitting he was a Homosexual.

Ague was quoted as saying, "I was stunned. Stunned and shocked that Tebedo would hit me. As much as Tebedo striking me hurt me, I was frightened by the tone of his voice when he said that he and I were going to fight. Quote frankly, I am concerned for my safety and th safety of my family.

In addition, on KOA Radio Talk Show yesterday, Tebedo called the Anti-Defamation League a "radical" group and expressed doubt that hate crimes against Jews are in fact on the rise.

On KOA, Tebedo also said he opposed the hate-crime-bill just killed in the legislature because it would be a step toward giving gay Americans equality and legitimization in society.

"As Ague has said, and as his behavior has repeatedly shown, Tebedo is not a well man," said Rick Cendo, Colorado President of GLAIL. "It's fascinating that with all the real threats to the American family--such as teen pregnancy, divorce, adultery, domestic violence, child abuse and child molestation--that the group that calls itself 'Colorado for Family Values' has never done a single thing to address these terrible problems."

Instead, CFV and Tebedo have been singularly obsessed with promoting discrimination and violence against homosexuals and other groups that do not meet the fundamentalist--Christian list of acceptable human behavior."

Cendo continues, "Even the besieged gay community in Colorado last year managed to donate more than $30,000 to anti-child abuse programs in Colorado. Has 'Colorado for Family Values' ever done anything that is really pro-family or pro-child? NO! If groups were named by what they really do, then CFV would be called 'Colorado for Discrimination and Violence.'"

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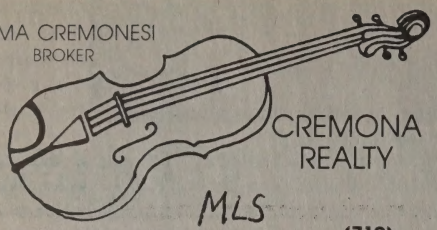

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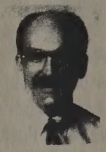

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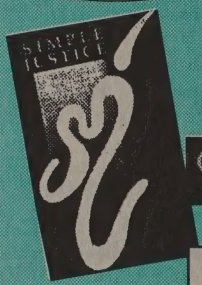

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S-CAP UPDATE

HIV TESTING UPDATES

The FDA recently approved the use of OraSure, a saliva test for HIV antibodies. This test can now be used by health clinics as an alternative to the blood test for HIV antibodies. People reluctant to have blood drawn can be tested by taking of an oral swab of saliva. Saliva testing is slightly less sensitive than blood testing; the false negative rate is believed to be about 2%.

In an recent article by the HIV Action Coalition, they emphasized that the virus does not live in saliva. The test, like the blood test that has been available since early 1985, tests for antibodies to the virus, not the presence of HIV itself.

On a similar topic the FDA has not yet approved the home testing kit. At a recent GAC meeting in Denver, kit representatives re-reviewed the current test and how it will work. (At this time, if the kit is approved by the FDA it will not be marketed and sold in Colorado due to current state law.)

The home kit—which is expected to retail at approximately $30.00—includes all instructions and materials. People will be asked to place small amounts of blood on a blotter sheet and mail it back to the manufacture. Included in the kits will be a 1-800 number and an ID number where people can call to get their results.

The Governor's AIDS Council will continue to monitor this program and will provide updates when more information is available, People wishing more information about the Home Testing Kits can stop by the SCAP office and review the information that is currently available.

MEDICAL UPDATE FROM BEING ALIVE, PEOPLE WITH HIV/AIDS COALITION

CMA retinitis remains one of the most common opportunistic infections in late stages of AIDS. The big news in treating this OI is the recent FDA approval of oral ganciclovir for maintenance therapy. It should be noted that the oral form of ganciclovir is not for initial therapy; IV ganciclovir should still be used for the first two to three weeks of treatment. Then, the much less cumbersome oral therapy can begin. Studies have shown that the oral form of ganciclovir is comparable to the IV form in delaying progression of CMV retinitis...Foscarnet is the other drug being used to treat CMV retinitis. Some believe that combining ganciclovir and forcarnet could offer treatment benefits. Another approach to treating CMV retinitis is ganciclovir implants in the eye. The reasoning is that this gets the drug right where you want it and is thus more efficacious than the systemic use of ganciclovir. Note: Ganciclovir implants have not yet been approved by the FDA.

Susan Janty, HIV nurse recommends that all HIV people receive a base line eye test and exam. When a person's T-cell count falls below 300, they should have regular check ups. For more info about CMV, the eye test and exam call Susan at SCAP 578-9092.

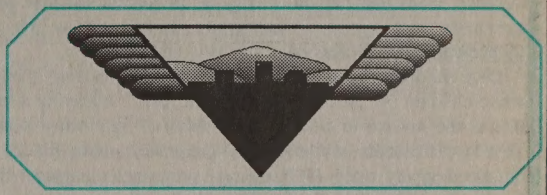
NEWS UPDATE

SCAP has received initial word that Cleve Jones, founder of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, will be in Colorado Springs in April for a FDA/SCAP workshop. Watch for more details. Additionally, A group of local people are currently working to bring part of the Quilt to Colorado Springs. This committee is looking for volunteers. To assist, call the SCAP office at 578-9092.

PENTHOUSE CHANGES

On April 24, 1992 a new bar opened in Colorado Springs to give the gay and lesbian community there some options. On February 2, 1995 the idea was reborn. Weldon Walker, who in the past was a manager of The Penthouse, signed the paperwork that turned over ownership on that date.

"People in Colorado Springs have been asking for a change for months," says Walker. "The new ownership is just the first of many changes at The Penthouse."



Among the planned changes for The Penthouse overhaul include expanding the dance floor, redesigning the D.J. booth and the bar, and expanding the liquor stock. According to staff members, the bar will also be getting new carpeting, a paint job and knocking down a few walls to get rid of what some describe as the "Taco-Bell-Clam-Shack Look."

"The changes will take some time, but we do not want to do this quick and easy. We want to do it right," says Walker.

The staff of The Penthouse, for the most part, will remain the same and additions will be made. Tuesday nights will become "Alternative Night" with Tina in the DJ booth. Wednesday is Country Night with Phill. Thursday and Sunday nights have a R&B and Dance with Robin. On Friday & Saturday nights Alan drives down from Denver with new music. Finally, Saturday and Sunday happy-hour is a blast to the past with music from big band to disco.

The team at The Penthouse would like to invite everyone in to see how the changes are progressing. There is always a cold drink and a fun time at The NEW Penthouse. ▽

More information on S-CAP Hours and Activities can be found on the Community Resource Page in this and every edition of *GROUND ZERO NEWS*.

CENSUS REPORT REFUTES GINGRICH

SHOWS THERE IS STILL A NEED FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

by Franklin Whitworth

Washington DC--According to Census Reports released this week, while Black Americans are getting more education than 15 years ago, their median income is the same as it was in 1969.

Cox News Service reports that thirteen percent of the Black population hold bachelors degrees and above, as compared to 8% in 1980. Despite this, the median income of black families is about $21,550, the same as in 1969.

Conversely, the median income for white families has increased 9 percent since 1969 to $39,310.

Related statistics further reenforce the inequities found in the employment market adversely affecting income and positional advance. Black men earn an average of 14 percent less than white men in the same executive, managerial and administrative jobs and 29 percent less in professional, specialty and sales jobs.

Black children are three times as likely to live in poverty than are white children (46 percent to 17 percent.) And, indicating a trend that is the reverse to beliefs of the likes of right wing Senator Tebedo of Colorado, while teen-age pregnancy among Blacks has remained steady since 1970, teenage pregnancies among whites has increased dramatically. In 1970, Blacks teenage girls were ten times more likely to become pregnant than were their white peers. In 1993, that figure had dropped to only four times as much,

Many black and other ethnic leaders and those who are concerned with low income families in America are becoming very concerned with the attacks by the reactionary right wing of the Republican party that is leading the country down the trail of denial in regard its minority and oppressed citizens.

Efforts are underway to restrict much needed affirmative action, school lunch programs, assistance to teen mothers and their children, many important welfare and assistance program, etc., etc.

It is more than apparent, believe minority leadership, that the Republican majority in Congress is dedicated to increasing the suffering of its poverty level citizenry, whose incomes have declined regularly since 1980, in favor of the wealthy, whose incomes have steadily increased since 1980, in the belief that the wealthy will let more money "trickle down" to the lowest levels and that this would be good for the nation.

Minority leaders point to the failure of this "trickle down" economic policy in the eighties, where the rich just got richer and the poor sunk lower on the stepladder into deeper poverty.

GOP/CHRISTIAN COALITION CHILD MOLESTER GUILTY

Momentum grows against widespread child molestation by adult heterosexual men.

Denver CO--Three months after Gays and Lesbians Against Immoral Lifestyles (GLAIL) called on the Christian Coalition and the Republican Party to publicly suspend one of its leaders for alleged child molestation, the charges against Beverly Russell have proven to be true.

Russell, the father of the South Carolina woman who drowned her two sons, admitted to molesting the woman, Susan Smith, when she was 16, according to court papers unsealed on Feb. 20.

At the time that GLAIL called for Russell's suspension, Russell was an executive committeeman of the South Carolina Republican Party and a member of the advisory board of the Christian Coalition.

Trey Walker, a spokesperson for the South Carolina Republican Party, refused to say whether Russell still holds a leadership position in the GOP organization. The Christian Coalition did not return a phone call inquiring about Russell's status in that fundamentalist organization.

On another front, the liberal columnist Ellen Goodman joined the conservative columnist Cal Thomas in reporting new statistics showing widespread child molestation and statutory rape by adult heterosexual men.

According to a study recently reported by Thomas, 70 percent of all child pregnancies are fathered by adult men, whose average age is 22.

In a new column, Goodman writes, "In real life, three quarters of girls who have sex before they are 14 say they were coerced. In real life, two our of ever teen-age mothers are impregnated by a man over 20. In real life, 400 teens are impregnated by men over 25 every day."

Goodman suggested that the state should consider enforcing the statutory rape laws that these heterosexual men routinely break and the state overlooks.

"When it comes to the real problems plaguing the American family structure, where are the so-called 'family values' organizations such as Colorado for Family Values, the Christian Coalition, Focus on the Family and the Republican Party?" asked Rick Cendo, Colorado president of GLAIL.

"These groups only use the term "'family values' when they need a euphemism for gay bashing." Cendo said. "That's not only unfair to gays, who don't cause these problems. It's also harmful to the American family, whose real problems go unattended while the 'family values' mongers obsess on gays." ∇

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Whereas, almighty God hath created the mind free: that all attempts to influence it by temporal punishments or burthens, or by civil incapacitations, tend only to beget habits of hypocrisy and meanness, and are a departure from the plan of the Holy author of our religion, who being Lord both of body and mind, yet chose not to propagate it by coercions on either, as was in his almighty power to do; that the impious presumption of legislators and rulers, civil as well as ecclesiastical, who being themselves but fallible and uninspired men, have assumed dominion over faith of others, that established and maintained false religions over the faith of others, setting up their own opinions and modes of thinking as the only true and infallible, and as such endeavoring to impose them on others, hath established and maintained false religions over the greatest part of the world, and through all time; that to compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions he disbelieves, is sinful and tyrannical; that even the forcing of him to support this or that teacher of his own religious persuasion, is depriving him of the comfortable liberty of giving his contributions to the particular pastor, whose morals he would make his pattern, and whose powers he feels most persuasive to righteousness, and is withdrawing from the ministry those temporary rewards, which proceeding from an approbation of their personal conduct, are an additional incitement to earnest and unremitting labours for the instruction of mankind, that our civil rights have no dependence on our religious opinion, any more than our opinions in physics or geometry; that therefore the proscribing any citizen as unworthy the public confidence by laying on him an incapacity of being called to offices of trust and emolument, unless he profess or renounce this or that religious opinion, is depriving him injuriously of those privileges and advantages to which in common with his fellow-citizens he has a natural right; that it tends only to corrupt the principles of that religion it is meant to encourage, by bribing with a monopoly of worldly honors and emoluments, those who will externally profess and conform to it; that though indeed these are criminal who do not withstand such temptation, yet neither are those innocent who lay the bait in their way; that to suffer the civil magistrate to intrude his powers into the field of opinion, and to restrain the profession or propagation of principles on supposition of their ill tendency, is a dangerous fallacy, which at once destroys all religious liberty, because he being of course judge of that tendency will make his opinions the rule of judgement, and approve or condemn the sentiments of others only as they shall square with or differ from his own; that it is time enough for the rightful purposes of civil government, for its officers to interfere when principles break out into overt acts against peace and good order; and finally, that truth is great and will prevail if left to herself, that she is the proper and sufficient antagonist to error, and has nothing to fear from the conflict, unless by human interposition disarmed of her natural weapons, free argument and debate, errors ceasing to be dangerous when it is permitted freely to contradict them:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be inforced, restrained, molested or burdened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinion in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no way diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities.

And though we will know that this assembly elected by the people for the ordinary purposes of legislation only, have no power to restrain the acts of succeeding assemblies, constituted with powers equal to our own, and that therefore to declare this act to be irrevocable would be of no effect in law; yet we are free to declare, and do declare, that the rights hereby asserted are of the natural rights of mankind, and that if any act shall be hereafter passed to repeal the present, or to narrow its operation, such act will be an infringement on natural right.

Thank You, Mr. President

GLAAD

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Media Watch

NESTLE...NOT SO SWEET

A refreshing list of major companies line up to purchase advertising spots during the recent broadcast of *Serving in Silence.* The made-for- television movie was shown by NBC on February 6th and affirmatively depicted the life story of Margarethe Cammermeyer, who was booted out of the U. S. Army for being a lesbian.

Not on the list of proud sponsors, however, was Nestle USA. The cowardly company specifically pulled its advertising from the movie. According to Laurie MacDonald, Nestle's Vice-President of Corporate affairs, her company adheres to a policy of not advertising on programs "deemed by a majority of the public to be controversial or not widely accepted."

Citing the same policy, Nestle also refused to sponsor last year's gay wedding episode of *Northern Exposure.*

Such an advertising policy is an open invitation to homophobes, letting them know that every time they turn our lives into a "controversy," Nestle will back away from doing the right thing.

Moreover, the decision to forego advertising on *Serving in Silence* actually helps perpetuate the "controversial" and "not widely accepted" status of homosexuality in our society. Nestle is, in effect, creating the very problem the company claims to be avoiding.

Complaints go to Joe Weller, Chair and CEO, Nestle USA, 800 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA 91203; Laurie MacDonald can be reached directly at (818) 549-6235. FAX (818) 549-5660. Supportive compliments can be sent to Warren Littlefield, Vice President of NBC Entertainment, 3000 W. Alameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91523, tel. (818) 840-4444

MR. BUTT HEAD SIGNS OFF

San Francisco is a little safer today than it was last week. Radio host J. Paul Emerson is--for now--off the air. On February 15th, he was fired from KSFO's all conservative, all bigot "Hot Talk" line up.

For the last few weeks, Emerson has used his morning broadcast to spew homophobic and racist hate. Arguing that HIV is transmitted casually, through coughing, Emerson called for the forced imprisonment of people with AIDS. He labeled gay men "sick butt humpers" and described Japanese Americans as "rotten and filthy." He called just about everyone who wasn't white, male or Republican a "butt head."

As for those who dared to disagree with his views, Emerson advocated--on air, and with all seriousness--they they be shot rather than lynched. Rope, he explained, is actually more expensive than bullets.

Hate speech, like all public communication, has its consequences. However, Emerson and his hate radio cohorts never want to talk about consequences. They want to shout about their rights, while ignoring their responsibilities.

When San Francisco's first openly-gay supervisor--Harvey Milk--was shot and killed in 1978, various theories were brought forth in an attempt to answer the Big Question--WHY?

Of course, Milk's murderer--Dan White--made his infamous "Twinkie Defense." White wanted us to believe that, because he ate too much junk food, he became depressed and killed Harvey Milk.

In fact, White was a homophobic bigot and Milk's murder was a hate crime,

Not coincidentally, at the same time that Harvey Milk was murdered, Anita Bryant was on her national crusade against gays. The washed-out singer was traveling the country and warning Americans about the 'homosexual menace." In response, lesbian performer Robin Tyler made an important observation, connecting Milk's murder and Bryant's campaign. She said: "Dan White may have fired the gun that killed Harvey Milk, but Anita Bryant loaded the bullets."

Almost 20 years after Harvey Milk's death, the gunfire can still be heard. Recently, a gay man was shot on the streets of San Francisco...simply for holding hands with his lover.

Now who loaded the bullets in that gun?

Media "professionals" like J. Paul Emerson, who use the public airwaves to whip up homophobic hysteria, provide the ammunition. These bigots of broadcasting--and those who pay their salaries--must not be allowed to claim any innocence. Their hateful tirades make it unsafe for lesbian and gay people to walk the streets, ride a bus, or simply hold hands.

Hate speech is certainly no crime. Unfortunately, its effects often are.

KSFO's management has remained silent on the matter of Emerson's firing, though they vocally defended him while he was on staff and on the air. It appears, in fact, that Emerson was fired because he turned his vitriol against his own business, criticizing sister station KGO (owned by ABC/Capital Cities, which also Owns KSFO).

While Emerson called lesbians and gays "butt heads,' that was just fine with KSFO. But, when he called his boss a "butt head," Emerson got the ax. So much for professional ethics in broadcasting.

Clearly, KSFO's current format will continue to be a breeding ground for homophobia, the station's corporate culture is a bigot's sand box. Even in the wake of Emerson's departure, it is important that lesbians and gays keep listening and, most importantly, keep talking back to hate talk radio.

HOMOPHOBIA DOES NOT COMPUTE

One of the world's largest software manufacturers--Microsoft Corp.--has pulled a potentially homophobic ad from circulation. The advertisement, which ran once in *People* Magazine, featured an effeminate man being threatened with physical abuse by another, "macho-appearing" male.

Intended as humor, the ad provoked concerned responses from readers who reminded Microsoft that gay bashing isn't funny. Following those complaints, the company quickly apologized and reported that the ad would not be used again. A company spokesperson said that the ad "was absolutely not intended to condone or promote any form of antisocial behavior."

Perhaps Microsoft would consider taking the company's good intentions a step further. How about an ad campaign that is absolutely intended to promote pro-social behavior...featuring out and proud lesbian, gay and bisexual models?

Compliments/suggestion to Microsoft Corp, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052-6399, FAX: (206) 93 MSFAX.

EYE ON NEWT

The Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives is teaming up with a fundamentalist bigot in an apparent effort to promote homophobia in our nation's public schools. Representative Newt Gingrich, at the behest of "Rev." Lou Sheldon's "Traditional Values Coalition," has announced plans to hold Congressional hearings on whether schools receiving federal funds should be prohibited from offering any instruction, programs or services that have the "purpose or effect" of presenting homosexuality as a "positive lifestyle alternative."

According to Lou Sheldon, the hearings are necessary because "gays and lesbians live perverted, twisted lives that feed upon the unsuspecting and innocent, like our children." Newt Gingrich claims he can "tolerate" gays, but thinks that homosexuality is an affliction not unlike alcoholism.

People for the American Way (PFAW), a civil liberties organization, has already expressed concerns that the proposed hearings would hardly provide an impartial public forum for fair and accurate information. PFAW spokespersons have argued that the hearings will "only serve to legitimize and provide a forum for organizations that have a long record of espousing hatred and intolerance." They added: "it would be unthinkable for Congress to hold a hearing on, for example, the 'Jewish influence in the media' based on the outrageous claims of David Duke. Yet, what is proposed here is no different."

Of course, if handled with any fairness, the proposed hearings could shed some much needed light upon the savage homophobia that blights school districts throughout this country. But, given that Gingrich himself suffers from a severe case of heterosexism, fairness isn't likely.

Fair or not, the importance of these hearings cannot be underestimated. The textbooks used in our public schools are powerful and ubiquitous media. Paid for with our tax dollars and thrust upon a captive audience, these books defame lesbians and gays routinely. As a consequence, each new generation of Americans is taught a curriculum in hatred and fear. The Gingrich/Sheldon hearings could signal the first step in a formidable effort to undo what modest gains lesbians and gays have made in promoting inclusive, accurate and multicultural textbooks.

Remind your congressional representatives that any public hearings should deal directly with the real issue. The problem in our nation's schools is not the "promotion" of homosexuality, but the promotion of homophobia.

Contact Newt Gingrich, Office of the Speaker of the House, H-204 Capitol Building, Washington, DC 20515, tel. (202)225-4501, fax (202)225-4656, e-mail georgia6@hr.house.gov. Addresses and phone/fax numbers for your Congresspersons are available by calling (202)224-3121.

In an effort to proactively organize for the upcoming Congressional hearings, the National Advocacy on Youth and Sexual Orientation (NACYSO) is collecting stories from young people across the country. Request a "Youth Experience Form" from Rea Carey, NACYSO, 1025 Vermont Ave., NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005, tel. (202)783-4165 (ext.49), fax (202)347-2263.

MEDIA BRIEFS

HATE SAMPLER--The MTV message board on America On Line is filled with reminders that homophobia is alive and well. Recent messages, which can be posted by any AOL user, have applauded the death of gay AIDS activist (and MTV 'Real World" television star) Pedro Zamora. Among the comments: "Pedro deserved what he got! His lifestyle killed him and nothing else!...Homosexuals brought AIDS to the U.S. in the early 1980's." (from framk1t@aol.com). "I hated that fagboy...I think Pedro is where he deserves to be right now. In HELL" (from ademduritz@aol.com), and "He was a fag and fags should die and I was happy to see him get what he got (from phloutrel@aol.com).

WELL-ENDOWED ART...March 14th is arts and culture "Advocate Day," a chance to lobby Congressional representatives to save the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA); the new Republican Congress has threatened the NEA's funding, which currently costs each U.S. citizen the equivalent of two postage stamps a year. To find out what you can do to promote cultural diversity, contact your "America for the NEA" state coordinator, tel. (800) 862-1113.

STAYING ALIVE..."The Disco Years" is a video, set in the late 70's, that tells the coming out story of a high school teenager. Contact Select Media, 225 Lafayette St. #1102, New York, NY 10012, tel (212) 431-8923, FAX (212) 431-8946.

NEWS WEAK...The Feb. 6th issue of *Newsweek Magazine* contains a report on tattooing ("Turning in the Badges of Rebellion, by Rick Marin) that offers an off-hand comparison of "fringe subculture (gay and lesbian) to youth culture (Madonna, NBA bad boy, Dennis Rodman). The author suggests that the two cultures are mutually exclusive, which is hardly the case with Madonna! More importantly, queer kids are once againrendered invisible in the notion that gay and youth cultures never overlap. Share your sentiments with the Letters Editor, Newsweek, 444 Madison Ave., Ny, NYC (10022-6999, FAX (212-350-4120)

MOMMY QUEEREST...Members of the Lesbian and Gay Parents Association have produced a new educational video. *Both of My Mom's Names Are Judy: Children of Lesbians and Gays Speak Out* examines peer harassment and other issues facing the children of lesbian/gay parents. For complete details, contact Kim Pawton at (415) 387-9886.

SOUND BITES...Commenting on his role as a straight sportscaster on the NBC series *Frasier*, gay actor Dan Butler told the *Los Angeles Times*: "I'd like to think that people would not be so narrow-minded as to hold this against me. Besides, some of my best friends are straight! I also want to mention here that I continue to have a very loving and wonderful relationship with my boyfriend."

REBEL YELL...The Food Not Bombs Network--"your voice of rebellion"--can be heard in over 60 countries. Broadcasts, which are also available on cassette, offer progressive news and analysis of natural and human resource issues. For info, contact the Network at 3145 Geary Blvd #12, San Francisco, CA, tel. (414) 330-5030.

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A
MESSAGE FROM
REV. NORI ROST
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In the Christian church there is a set criterion for determining if a person or group is Christian or if it should be considered a cult. In addition, cults often use certain tactics to get people to adhere to their beliefs. These include 1)holding secret meetings, rituals or initiations; 2) demonizing a person or group to enable people to feel that they have the right to control or eliminate others; 3) using power to inappropriately coerce others into living by the cult's laws and social mores; and 4) using an "us against them" mentality to create paranoia and further reliance on the cult.

Using Christianity's baseline for determining what is or is not a cult, I would like to examine Coloradans for Family Values and see where it falls. Admittedly, CFV is not a "Christian" organization outright, but its leaders use the Bible and Christian beliefs to validate their agenda of oppressing homosexuals.

HOLDING SECRET MEETINGS OR RITUALS. This was seen last Spring when CFV held a secret meeting at Glen Eyrie which the public learned about only because it was "infiltrated" by those against their cause. During this meeting and throughout the history of CFV, several local leaders have exhorted listeners not to give up the fight against homosexuals. They do this by DEMONIZING GAYS AND LESBIANS to elevate themselves to a level of moral superiority. Using poorly done research by discredited "authorities" they spewed forth their venom and gave as their ultimate goal "the elimination of homosexuality." Although the group didn't give specifics on how that elimination would take place, we know that the beginning is passage of laws such as Amendment 2 and other uses of their power to COERCE OTHERS INTO LIVING BY THEIR LAWS AND SOCIAL MORES.

This very clearly goes against the teaching of Christ who instructed his disciples on preaching his message of repentance and salvation. They were to go from town to town and Matthew 10:14 Jesus says, "If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that town." Notice he did not say, "Stay and enact legislation to MAKE them do what you want." Even if CFV could justify their beliefs they cannot justify their actions in trying to legislate their version of morality. Finally, through using an US AGAINST THEM mentality, CFV continues to go on about the "homosexual agenda" (which I've yet to figure out what it is) and the "special rights" gays and lesbians are demanding (i.e. fair housing and employment practices). Using half-truths and whole lies they convince people that homosexuals and their supporters are out to destroy the family and the "traditional values" and we won't stop until we succeed. This has resulted in an increase in gay-bashing and other hate crimes locally and nationwide. It has also resulted in the increased reliance on CFV for many people who support them with their time and with their money, spurred on by fear that the queers are gonna take over at any moment.

Using mainstream Christian analysis it would seem clear that CFV is a cult and should be avoided at all costs in much the same way as the Branch Davidians should be avoided. I would encourage each of us to pray for those misled by this cult that the God of all Truth would open their eyes to the deception they've been swallowing and give them the courage and grace to renounce the lies and instead walk in the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ which is available to all through belief in Jesus as Lord.

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FEBRUARY 8, 1995

DEAR GROUND ZERO,

Thank you for publishing "NOELS STORY" and thanks particularly to Frank M. who so carefully condensed Noel's original thesis.

Most of us know that it's like to grow up gay in heterosexual families. Noel's experience was the opposite. We have a great deal to learn from one another, and its sad that either situation results in so much confusion and stigmatization.

This much I know for sure: the world is a better place for the presence of gay people in it, and no matter what our detractors may say, the world is particularly a better place for children becasue we are here.

Think for a moment of the gay teachers in our community, the gay parents and grandparent, librarians, godparents, neighbors, couselors, uncles and aunts. We are not to be feared; we are to be respected and valued.

At this moment in history, we may have to honor one another for our contributions, but I truly believe it will not always be so. The time will come when we will be approprately valued for the love and enrighment we continue to whare.

As for Noel, he fininghed colege and move to Bogota, Columbia, whre he lives with a Columbian family. He teaches English and studies Spanish and plans to stay at least another year. He seems very content.

Sincerely ,

Nancy Wilsted

Part Three of a Five Part Series

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE

by Samuel Dean Behrens

Who's in the Sheets?

Special to Ground Zero News

Acts Chapter 10 tells the story of Christian gays and lesbians at the end of the twentieth century. *Peter went upon the rooftop to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air. Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat." "Surely not Lord!" Peter replied.. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." The voice spoke to him a second time, "**Do not not call anything impure that God has made clean.**" This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back into heaven.*

However, Peter was not that smart. After all, he was an uneducated fisherman. Finally, as if the voice from heaven realized that Peter was not going to understand the message of the vision, the heavenly voice spoke to him again and said: ***Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.***

It would take two whole days to pass before Peter really understood what the voice from heaven was trying to tell him about the slimy creatures in the sheet. He finally understood when he said, *God has shown me that I should not call any man [*ANYONE*] impure or unclean."*

Thus began the thrilling account of how we gays and lesbians were grafted into the vine as sons and daughters of God. Long before the term homosexual was ever used in the history of mankind, the Holy Spirit had us in mind. Peter finally "got it"! He understood what we understand now, that in the last days God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh. Whether we are gay or straight, female or male, old or young, God is no respecter of persons, He will not turn away those who diligently seek him! God has gone out into the highway and hedges of life and has invited us to join Him at the marriage supper of the Lamb. As Peter stood up against the religious leaders of his day,

Jesus Christ calls us to justice, to stand up to the institutionalized legalists and the self-righteous bigots of today.

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Equality Colorado Plans Community Forums

Equality Colorado will be hosting two community forums in March on two important topics of lesbian, gay and bisexual rights. The first will be held on Thursday, March 9th titled "Legislative Strategies:Gay,lesbian and Bisexual Equality in Colorado". Our state legislature makes laws and decides policy which affect all our lives. This is an opportunity for the gay,lesbian,bisexual and transgendered communities to become more active at all levels of the political process. Do you know how laws are made? Would you like to know how you can be effective in influencing legislation? Would you like information about lobbying your legislators? We will also be discussing the proposed hate crimes legislation which would add sexual orientation, disability and age to the existing state hate crime law.

This forum invites everyone to come together to discuss more effective ways to lobby in the state legislature and gain more understanding of how laws and policy are made. Legislative Strategies will be held on Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church in Denver at 1400 Lafayette.

The second community forum will be held on Sunday, March 12th titled "Same Sex Marriages? What Can We Expect?" In January at the Domestic Partnership Forum those who participated learned how broad and complex the topic "Domestic Partnership" is. This forum is a much more focused discussion on the specific issue of Same-Sex Marriage. What does it mean and what can we expect relative to this issue. Evan Wolfson, Senior Staff attorney at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, will bring his expertise on constitutional law, "sodomy" law challenges, employment and civil rights, family law, First Amendment rights and police misconduct entrapment to share with us. As Director of Lambda's Marriage Project, Evan is currently co-counsel for the lesbian and gay couples seeking the right to marry in Hawaii's landmark Baehr v. Lewin case. Please join us in this discussion. The Same Sex Marriage forum will be held on Sunday, March 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church in Denver at 1400 Lafayette. The location for both forums is wheelchair accessible. For more information, please contact Equality Colorado at (303) 839-5540, or call Ground Zero at 635-6086 for ride share and group information.

I WANT MY QUEER MTV!

If 1994 was the year of "Lesbian Chic," then according to an early trend of MTV, 1995 should be the year of "Queer Music."

An MTV segment broadcast February 2nd featured "Queer Punk" spotlighting such bands as: Pansy Division, Chainsaw Kittens and Fifth Column (a lesbian band).

"'Queer Punk' is just a general term, but it is basically out queer people making music that they love, for themselves, for the queer audiences...singing about their issues, what's important to them," according to Ray Rogers of Interview Magazine. "They are like 'right-on, we're queer, we're out there, we rock.'"

"They are just out there spewing homosexuality, and I think its great," Billie Joe, lead singer of Greenday added. "I think they are the future of what's going to happen to rock n' roll music."

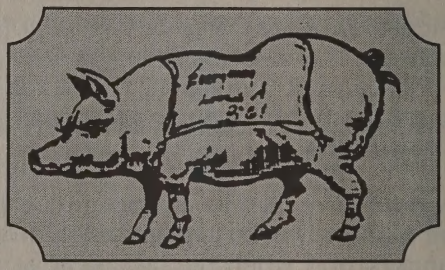
Most important, as pointed out by the MTV announcer on the segment, "...The music will reach young audiences, gay and straight."

The Queer Punk segment included concert clips of Pansy Division.

GLAAD, Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a media watch organization, would like everyone to encourage MTV to continue covering queers in music.

Send your "I want my Queer MTV" message to:

Viewer Department, MTV networks, Inc.
1515 Broadway
New York, NY 10036
ph - (212) 258-8700
FAX- (212) 258-8718



Adopt-a-Pig UPDATE:

For proper Care & Feeding of your adopted Piggie, call our PORK HOTLINE at 475-0482 (ask for Her Royal Baconess, Kristy) or 447-1092 (to speak with world - renowned Pork Expert, Doc Stanley, DP (Doctor of Pigology)

MILITARY BAN

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS AND POLICY PROPOSAL

A FOUR PAGE SPECIAL INSERT TO GROUND ZERO BY BILL BOUSHKA EDITOR, THE QUILL

Publication of Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty, Wash. DC

Ground Zero News* publishes opinion pieces from many sources. Like this one, we do not always agree with all of the opinions or conclusions drawn. What we do agree with is the thought that is going into such proposals and commentaries from within our own community. The divergent viewpoints and opinions reflect the divergency of our community. We are most appreciative of Bill's contribution and the work he is doing** ***Editor

In the Jan. 95 *GZN*, I discussed the "rebuttable presumption" concept that undergirds the "new" policy regarding homosexuals in the military. But there is one question I did not specifically discuss: Does the "rebuttability" provision save the policy from constitutional changes, especially Free Speech claims?

Of course, I believe it does not. The shortest answer is that, normally, the military's "presumption" will always be irrebuttable in practice, since it forces the "suspect" to prove a "negative." However, in very limited circumstances, the military has allowed rebuttal when it was in the military's political or operational interests. For example, it allowed Zoe Dunning to stay in the Navy, allowing her statement to be accepted as a rhetorical exercise. And during the Persian Gulf war, it actually refused to discharge soldiers who tried to use the ban to get out. There are obvious examples where even an unrebutted presumption would interfere with genuine free speech, such as when a ROTC cadet or military reservist receives publicity because of active participation in a well-known gay rights organization or speaks publicly on gay issues.

It is likely that a Free Speech challenge would be readily met if the circumstances of a "statement" (of homosexual orientation) were formally incorporated into a personnel policy. When President Clinton proposed the Rebuttable Presumption in his July 19, 1993 speech announcing his "compromise", he actually stated that an "**open**" statement would be the basis for rebuttable presumption application. Now, by "open" he probably meant "gratuitous," that is, a forthright statement in the public media, or a direct statement to other members of one's unit. A private statement (to one's family or civilian friends and later disclosed by happenstance) is probably not grounds for discharge according to the President's intentions. (This corresponds to the widely condemned proposal by Barney Frank). However, when Congress codified the "new" policy into law on November 30, 1993 (with Public Law 103-610, Section 571, 10USC654) Congress specifically allowed **any** statement of sexual orientation (to **anyone**) to be grounds for discharge. (Congress also, by Federal statute, equated the terms "gay" and "lesbian" with the commission of [forbidden] homosexual acts or with a propensity or intent to commit them.) Yet, Congress gave the Secretary of Defense considerable flexibility to administer the new law. Consequently, the Clinton Administration, with its new DOD directives (effective in February, 1994) tried to create a "zone of privacy" in which "associational" behavior should not be grounds for an investigation. But the "new rules" are so riddled with doubletalk and contradiction and rule-swallowing exceptions (rather like our Tax Code!) that I cannot even begin to summarize them. Some military commanders have taken the new rules as license to launch, upon receiving unreliable third-party reports, witch-hunts of unremitting savagery. Examples are provided by Hanna Rosin's piece in *The New Republic* (5/2/94) and Sara Miles' "Don't Ask, It's Hell" in the 2/95 *Out*. In one case reported on a network news magazine, a heterosexual female officer was subjected to psychi-

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atric confinement for reporting sexual harassment.

The "rebuttable presumption" compromise was apparently adopted because: (1) the "rebuttability" appeared to make the policy defendable in court, and (2) the "presumption" allowed conservatives to maintain they had "won" and could keep the military a place for interchangeable "real men." It will certainly be reviewed as the *Able* case goes to trial. An intellectually honest opinion from the Courts would consider the principled limits on the government's right to invoke "presumption" when interpreting "free speech (as "fire in a crowded theater"). Such an opinion will also consider whether the military's "rational" concerns over unit cohesion reflect a genuine concern for sexual modesty in intimate military living quarters, or whether it is simply prejudice, such as we saw with racial segregation.

I am not optimistic about the outcome when these matters are reviewed by largely conservative justices on most of our appellate courts and on the Supreme Court; even if they concede these arguments invoke gray areas, they are likely to allow the military considerable deference in interpreting homosexual self-identification with "ordinary understanding." Soldiers might be entitled to reinstatement or compensation, however, should the facts in their individual cases show they were denied due process of law. And should the Courts ultimately overturn the "presumption" policy after all, then the military would have to adopt a policy similar to that proposed by Rand Corporation.

In my 1/95 *GZN* piece, I referred to a covert letter which I had delivered to the White House in late June, 1993. I proposed a policy similar to one published shortly thereafter by Rand *(Sexual Orientation and U.S. Military Personnel Policy: Options and Assessment*, 8/93). Personnel could be discharged for provable, observable and disruptive conduct, and for medical unfitness. "Statements" would be judged according to their appropriateness for the military circumstances; no "presumption" was necessary. Examples of misconduct would be comments about another's physical appearance or apparent sexual orientation, comments inappropriate for close quarters, comments over the objections of others or of a commanding officer; all of these could be treated as "sexual harassment." Also forbidden might be certain kinds of statements by active duty personnel to the public media (on a go-forward basis). These are common sense rules which most military members ("disciplined professionals", as one military friend told me at the Tracks disco) will follow voluntarily. Some people will be disturbed that even this policy is, in a abstract sense, "discriminatory"; heterosexuals still have freedoms to talk about their wives, girlfriends, and children that we usually don't enjoy. Furthermore, heterosexually married soldiers enjoy benefits which would not be extended to non-heterosexuals. However, the military is a paternalistic organization which must deal with extreme combat-related contingencies; a policy which simply outlaws all "discrimination" based on sexual orientation really is not achievable.

AIDS was of little concern during the 1993 debate, probably because the military cannot apply anti-AIDS arguments to lesbians. However, it is appropriate for the military to exclude persons who test HIV positive, and to educate all service members vigorously on STD prevention. One little-known fact is that, even in the military, blood donors may self-defer with no questions asked (Rand, p. 269). Another recent concern is the transmissibility of HIV during the early "window" period before it can be detected by tests; but this concern could apply to heterosexuals' recent conduct as well.

The policy I proposed should be a considerable improvement over "don't ask, don't tell," with which I have considerable personal experience. It does not require anyone to lie or hide, and it still requires the highest level of professionalism when servicepersons interact with others in their units. My overriding objection to the ban was always that it is predicated on **presumed** consensual, adult, private, non-fraternal conduct, and on certain psychological factors that accumulate into personal identity; lifting the ban requires no lowering of standards of military bearing or behavior.

The text of my White House letter, formally addressed to Republican Senator John Warner, now follows:

White House Letter
November 15, 1993

HOMOSEXUALS AND THE MILITARY:
GUIDELINES FOR POLICY CHANGE

Dear Senator Warner:

I propose that the President and the Congress seriously consider the following proposed guidelines, and supporting comments, regarding revisions to DOD Dir. 1332.14, Homosexuality and Military Service.

The Guidelines follow:

(A) Homosexual orientation alone will no longer require separation from active duty in the Armed Forced; however, administrative separation is still possible when an individual is unable to adjust to military life.

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(B) In addition to studies already prepared on this matter, the DOD should review statements from men and women who have received discharges or deactivation under 1332.14, and only then the DOD should draft a detailed document listing a Code of Professional Military Conduct and explaining how commanders should implement this Code.

(C) The main features of this Code are:

(C-1) **MILITARY PERSONNEL DO NOT MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT THE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF OTHER SERVICEPERSONS.**

(C-2) "Common sense" prohibitions of sexual harassment.

(C-3) No discussion of homosexual sub ject matter in intimate circum stances, such as berthing areas.

(D) Military commanders have latitude in determining "freedom of speech" regarding sexual orientation; however, if they prohibit self-disclosure in all situations, they must prohibit inquisitive behavior and "taunts." In units where women already serve, commanders may tolerate a more "relaxed" atmosphere, and consider the possibility that "known homosexuals" could sleep in a physically separate bay.

(E) When on pass or on leave, military personnel may visit any legally operating establishment or public area (in the U.S.) as long as they obey all military and local civilian laws.

(F) Military personnel obey the UCMJ, but the Attorney General shall furnish an Opinion describing the circumstances under which offenses of Article 125 can be successfully prosecuted.

(G) The military will not conduct "witch-hunts."

(H) The military will not seek recoupment orders for ROTC and service academy programs.

(I) The military does not indulge in "gay bashing" in training sessions.

(J) The military will conduct careful HIV screening before all deployments as well as annually, with the best technology available.

(K) The military will provide instruction in STD and HIV transmission prevention.

(L) Security clearances will not be denied because of sexual orientation alone, when disclosed in confidential interviews.

(M) Military personnel with honorable service discharged or inactivated since February 28, 1991 under 1332.14 will be offered *reinstatement*, provided they agree to the "code of conduct" and not to seek future personal gain from any publicity resulting from their declarations.

(N) Other requirements of military behavior and bearing remain unchanged, such as:

(N-1) uniform regulations
(N-2) flag
(N-3) rank and command
(N-4) fraternization
(N-5) conduct at "social" events on base
(N-6) medical fitness

(O) Military compensation and benefits structure, including allowances for housing and for legal spouses and dependents, remains unchanged.

In addition, I propose that the Congress consider two legislative measures:

(1) Limit UCMJ Article 125 ("sodomy") to those cases where there are aggravating circumstances which facilitate "proof." (This is desirable for security reasons as well as for "privacy.")

(2) Expand Selective Service registration to include women.

Recently, I visited the submarine USS Sunfish and two surface ships at the Norfolk Naval Base. I talked at some length to the on-duty service men and (on the tender ship) women and tried to understand their lives and living conditions. Their comments were interesting. They feel the President doesn't care about them; they are very concerned about the budget cuts, possible cuts in spousal medical benefits, and, especially, longer cruises (and even longer periods away from their families). But they were all very professional and skilled and dedicated in their jobs, many of which require obvious technical skill, accuracy, dependability, and problem-solving under pressure. I detected none of the "homophobia" that seemed to come forth from Senator Nunn's visit, even though I think I made it clear to them that I am a gay man. But I did see the weapons controls and bays, from which cruise missiles (even with nuclear warheads) could be fired, and I did see the sleeping areas on the submarine, 27 berths, stacked three-high and separated by blue canvas, in a room smaller than a walk-in "closet". The submariners did discuss how well they get to know how their mates "think." I think I understand that psychological privacy in this extreme environment is a grave concern.

I have also discussed the "don't tell" solutions with gay men with considerable military experience. They tell me that keeping "secrets" in a close-knit military environment is nearly impossible, and that in some instances a degree of "openness" results in less tension in the unit than does "suspicion." Recall that Navy Ensign Dirk Selland revealed his homosexuality to his Captain after his men had taunted him for not "carousing" with them during shore leave (especially after Bill Clinton won the election).

I believe that the proposal outlined above is reasonable, and that it does address the legitimate need of servicemen in close combat units to have "psychological" privacy from inappropriate attention. It is an attempt to give everyone the chance to prove him or herself by performing and behaving properly.

I also understand, however, that there is a deeper cultural issue which no "personal conduct", however beyond reproach, can remedy. Homosexuality is in some theoretical sense "incompatible" with tradition-

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al military service: homosexuality is preoccupied with "self-image" (in P.O. Keith Meinhold's own words); yet male military culture presumes male fungibility, a willingness to suspend sense of self for the benefit of the group, a "group mindset" which supposedly enables living and working in extreme intimacy without jeopardizing resumption of heterosexual responsibilities and family life when returning home.

Still, there are several compelling reasons for changing military policy, to respect the privacy of ALL military personnel as much as possible:

(1) Capability for military service is a fundamental responsibility for citizenship; we still have Selective Service registration. To say that homosexuals must be excluded from all military service because of the extreme circumstances in some units (even allowing for the contingent nature of military service) is to say that all gay men and lesbians are second-class citizens, regardless of the facts of their lives.

(2) Most gay men in the military do not discover they are gay until after they have been "in" for a while. To exclude gays from service academy appointments would assume we ask 17-year-old boys whether they are interested in girls; yet we "elders" are trying to get our next generation to get its education and practice abstinence!!

(3) The 'witchhunts' that have been necessary to enforce the ban offend all of our notions of due process; and they have been used in especially prurient fashion against women by commanders who want to keep the military a private club where men can validate their "masculinity."

(4) Despite all the "theories" about "unit cohesion" and despite General Schwarzkopf's testimony, during wartime (including the Gulf War), gays have served well, and sometimes relatively openly, and without disrupting their units or missions. The overwhelming majority of "incidents" in the service are for heterosexual misconduct.

I have been particularly moved by the careers of persons such as Meinhold, Steffan, and Thorne, all of whom I have met and talked to personally. If their military careers are not to continue, I hope we will see at least one of them in Congress after the '94 election!! In various other groups in the Washington area, such as Metropolitan Community Church, Adventuring (outdoors), D.C. Sports (athletics) and D.C. Front Runners, I have met other individuals (even service academy graduates) with recent and successfully completed military experience, and I have been deeply impressed by them as well.

I hope that the Senate Armed Services Committee will come around and support a change in military policy, a change which respects the privacy and sense of personal honor of all military personnel.

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(3) Don't sign or initial anything you don't fully understand.

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(6) The attitudes towards gay and lesbian servicepersons vary enormously from one commander to another. In practice, commanders have enormous discretion of their own to determine when to initiate investigations and discharge proceedings.

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Kathleen is the Deputy Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund in Washington D. C. Her puzzles appear regularly in the *Washington Blade*, *Lambda Book Report* and other gay and lesbian publications throughout the country. The solution for this crossword will appear in the next *GZ NEWS*.

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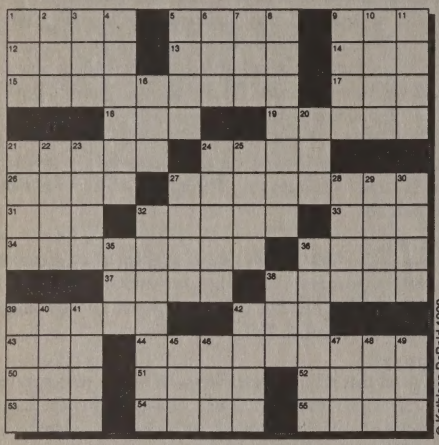

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1. Greek porch
5. Inaugural poet Angelou
9. Farm sound
12. Shirley MacLaine film, *The Children's* ____
13. Golden calf, e.g.
14. Santa's helper
15. Diane Kurys film
17. Jean Rhys work, *Wide Sargasso* ___
18. Greek letter
19. Aquatic mammal
21. Dorothy Allison work
24. Cow's condo
26. Engrossed
27. *Fried Green* _____
31. Exist
32. Israeli statesman
33. Before

ACROSS (Cont'd)

34. PBS film, *Portrait of a* _____
36. Sigourney Weaver flick, *Gorillas in the* ____
37. Friend
38. Songs for two
39. Move on all fours
42. Total
43. Massage
44. Nicole Conn film, *Claire* __ __ ___
50. Every one
51. Women's arts magazine, *Hot* ____
52. Sea eagle
53. Tiny
54. Pig parlors
55. Peruse

DOWN

1. Streep/Barr film, ___ *Devil*
2. Heavy load
3. Glossy gay magazine
4. Take into custody
5. Chatty bird (var)
6. Bother
7. Armistead Maupin's *Sure of* ___
8. Loser
9. Patrice Donnelly film, *Personal* ____
10. Toward shelter
11. From a distance
16. Biblical suffix
20. Demolition need
21. Streetcar
22. ____ *avis*
23. One who mimics
24. Like a swamp
25. Gallic girlfriend
27. Dark greenish blue
28. Mayberry kid
29. Formerly
30. Gels
32. Rolling masses (of smoke)
35. Uncooked
36. Mime
38. Owed
39. Before *fish* or *dad*
40. *Desert Hearts* author, Jane ____
41. Competent
42. Spike Lee film, ____ *Gotta Have It*
45. In shape
46. Attempt
47. Raw metal
48. Streisand film, __ _ *Clear Day*
49. Actor Beatty

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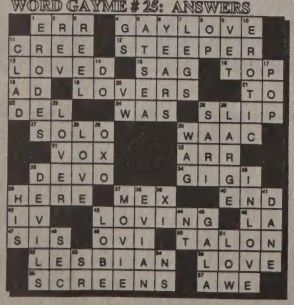

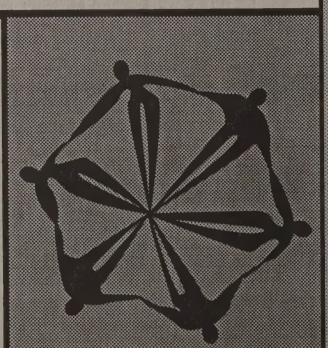

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,

PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD TO: GROUND ZERO
P.O.BOX 1982
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80901

GROUND ZERO has moved into the new GAY CENTER to better served the community. Your help in volunteer and in financial contributions is needed and sought.

You'll find us at 125 N. Parkside

Resource Guide

ANTI- VIOLENCE PROJECT (AVP)

(719) 338-8899

A 24-hour confidential crisis hotline. If you are a victim of verbal harassment, physical violence, discrimination, domestic violence/partner abuse, sexual assault, etc., call the AVP.

COLO. GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (CGRA)

P. O. Box 15504 CO 80935 (719) 576-CGRA

DIGNITY

P.O. Box 1172 COS CO 80901 (719) 635-5773

A national organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgendered Catholics, their families and friends, is now in its third year serving Colorado Springs, Pueblo and the Southern Colorado area. Contact Michael for more information. ACTIVITIES: Mass for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and heterosexual communities is held the 1st & 3rd Saturdays each month at 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 21st & W. Colorado Avenue in Colorado Springs. A monthly fundraising brunch is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month, 11:30 a.m., at the Colorado Grill Restaurant, 512 W. Colorado Avenue. A monthly discussion/support group meets on the 3rd Thursday each month at Sacred Heart

DIVERSITY CHORUS (DC)

235 E. Franklin Fountain Blvd COS CO (719) 635-4580

GROUND ZERO INC (GZ)

P. O. Box 1982 COS CO 80901 V 635-6086 F 635-6106

Ground Zero maintains a full-time office relocated in the new gay center (125 N. Parkside. See our mission statement on Pg. 2.

HIDE AND SEEK (H&S)

505 W. Colorado Ave. COS CO 80903 (719) 634-9393

The largest & oldest Complex, with 4 bars and a restaurant, large show and dance bar, quiet pool room bar, country bar w/dance floor, teen club with juice bar and dance floor.

HOUR GLASS (HR)

2748 Airport Rd. COS CO 80910 (719) 471-2104

INSIDE/OUT YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

An adolescent support group for those questioning thier sexuality.

Weekly meetings and activities. Call 578-3160 for more information.

LA GUIA (LG)

P.O. Box 1335 COS CO 80901 (719) 473-6771

La Guia is a cultural awareness and advocacy service organization that encourages the inclusion of Hispano/Latino Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered, Gay Men and their friends by providing a diverse forum that is both autonomous and intereactive within the greater Gay and Lesbian Community.

MONARCH HOUSE (MHG)

P.O. Box 8169 COS CO 80933 (719) 634-0133

Provides Emergency Finanacial Rent/Mortgage Subsidies to People Living With Aids, Monthly Food Bank and Pantry, as well as Emergency Financial Utilities Subsidies. 501 (c)(3) Non-profit Org.

NEW PHAZES (NP)

P. O. Box 6485 COS CO 80934 (718) 634-0236

To encourage cohesion in the Pikes Peak Region's Lesbian community by providing an open forum which stimulates, informs and entertains. Monthly meetings are the first Wed of each month--all welcome. Articles and submissions are also welcome.

PENTHOUSE (PH)

1715 N. Academy Blvd COS CO 80909 (719) 597-3314

Located on the eastside, provides something for everyone. During the week it has the feeling of a Friendly Neighborhood bar. Thurs., Friday and Saturday, it is the place to Dance and its late night Fri. & Sat. After Hours Party Hdqtrs.

P-FLAG COS CO

P.O. BOX 10076 COS CO 80932 VM (719) 575-8658

and

P-FLAG PUEBLO

24173 Preston Rd. Pueblo CO 81006 (719) 545-7426

Support group for family and friends of lesbians and gays, dedicated to the preservation of families in loving relationships.

PIKES PEAK GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER (PPGLCC)

Helpline 471-4GAYS

P. O. Box 607 COS CO 80901 (719) 471-4429

PIKES PEAK METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH (MCC)

730 N. Tejon St COS CO 80903 (719) 634-3771

A Christian Church whose ministry is to all people, but with an outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community.

PUEBLO AFTER 2

P. O. Box 1602 Pueblo CO 81002 V/F (719) 564-4004

A GLBT Organization serving the Pueblo area, working through education and community outreach.

SIMPLE JUSTICE

P.O. Box 93 COS CO 80901 (719) 528-6920

SOUTHERN COLO. AIDS PROJECT (S-CAP)

514 S. Tejon St. COS CO 80903V (719) 578-9092

TRUE COLORS (TC'S)

1865 N. Academy Blvd. COS CO 80909 (719) 637-0773

Primarily a lesbian bar, the doors are open to everyone. There is a dance floor, pool tables, games, and dirnk specials Open W-S.

UNITED COURT OF THE PIKES PEAK EMPIRE (UCPPE)

P. O. Box 6925 COS CO 80904 (719) 447-1092

WOMENS SOCIAL GROUP (WSG)

For info, call 471-4GAYS

A Social Support Organization for Women

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jewelry design

Maggie Abrams
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2423 1/2 West Colorado Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80904
(719) 634-8764

IF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR ACTIVITY IS NOT LISTED CALL 635-6086

MARCH 1995

Send your listings to GZ CALENDAR, P. O. Box 1982
COS CO 80901 FAX: (719) 635-6106 V (719) 635-6086
Please, Make Submissions by the Twentieth of each month

1 Wednesday

DIGNITY, MCC ASH WED. SERVICE
SCAP POTLUCK COS OFF. NOON
SCAP QUILT COM. COS OF 5:30

2 Thursday

SCAP INTERFAITH MTNG COS 9AM
DIVERSITY CHORUS REHER.
All Souls Unitarian Church 7PM
MISTY MCCRAE Ben. Show H&S

3 Friday

SCAP Respite/Caregvrs Mtg COS 10A
UCPPE COURT SHOW H&S

4 Saturday

SCAP Respite Team Trnining COS 9A
COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
(SEE AD PG. 15) THE CENTER 9A-2P
DIGNITY MASS Sacred Heart 7PM
H&S Tracy Edward Show

5 Sunday

OBSERVANCE OF MEL WHITE'S FAST/IMPRISONMENT IN VA BEACH
COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
(See Ad pg 15) 9-2P
PUEBLO MCC (543-6460) 12:30P
COS MCC All Souls 5PM

6 Monday

PA2 MEETING 7PM
PPGLCC BINGO 21ST ST 7PM
CGRA MEMBERSHIP 7:30

7 Tuesday

SCAP Interfaith Coaltion Spirituality Group COS Office 10AM
GZ BD MEETING Center 7PM

8 Wednesday

PFLAG NEW PARENT 6P FULL 7P
SCAP WRKSHP SAFE, HOT &EROTIC SEX (Gay & Bisexual Men) 6-9PM
UCPPE BD MEETING 7PM

9 Thurdsday

EQUALITY CO FORUM
Legislative Showdown See Ad Pg 17
DIVERSITY CHORUS REHER.
All Souls Unitarian Church 7PM
MISTY MCCRAE Ben. Show H&S

10 Friday

SCAP Respite/Caregvrs Mtg COS 10A
UCPPE PIG SHOW H & S

11 Saturday

LA GUIA REGIONAL MEETING
SCAP AIDS 101/VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION. COS OFFICE 9A-12
CGRA Misty McCrae Shw H&S

12 Sunday

EQUALITY CO FORUM "SAME SEX MARRIAGE" See Ad. Pg. 18
PUEBLO MCC (543-6460) 12:30
PUEBLO PFLAG 2PM

13 Monday

PPGLCC Bingo 21st St. 7PM

14 Tuesday

SCAP Interfaith Coaltion Spirituality Group COS Office 10AM
SCAP/PUEBLO ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3P
SCAP BOD MEETING COS 5:30

15 Wednesday

SCAP AIDS 101/VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION. COS OFFICE 6P-9P

16 Thursday

DIGNITY Support Group Sacred Heart 7P
DIVERSITY CHORUS REHER.
All Souls Unitarian Church 7PM
CGRA Misty McCrae Shw H&S

17 Friday

SCAP Respite/Caregvrs Mtg COS 10A
UCPPE COURT ST. PATRICKS DAY SHOW H&S
NEW CENTER ADDRESS
125 N. PARKSIDE

18 Saturday

LOVE MATTERS (See ad P. 16)
DIGNITY MASS Sacred Heart 7PM
CGRA SHOW W/ARIEL H&S

19 Sunday

PUEBLO MCC (543-6460) 12:30PM
COS MCC Service All Souls 5PM

20 Monday

SCAP Bd Meeting COS 5:30P
CGRA BD. MEETING 7P
PPGLCC Bingo 21st St. 7P

21 Tuesday

SCAP Fundraising Com. COS 5:30P

22 Wednesday

SCAP WRKSHP "WHAT ABOUT MONEY" COS OFF 6-9P
IRONS SPRING CHATEAU
New Show Opening Annual Court Function (685-5204)

23 Thursday

DIVERSITY CHORUS REHER.
All Souls Unitarian Church 7PM
CGRA Misty McCrae Shw H&S

24 Friday

SCAP Respite/Caregvrs Mtg COS 10A
SCAP/PUEBLO Potluck 11:30A

25 Saturday

CHRIS LEE SHOW H&S

26 Sunday

PUEB. MCC SERVICE (543-6460)
COS MCC Service All Souls 5P

27 Monday

PPGLCC BINGO 21ST ST 7PM

30 THURS-

DIVERSITY CHORUS REHER. All Souls Unitarian Church 7PM
CGRA Misty McCrae Shw H&S

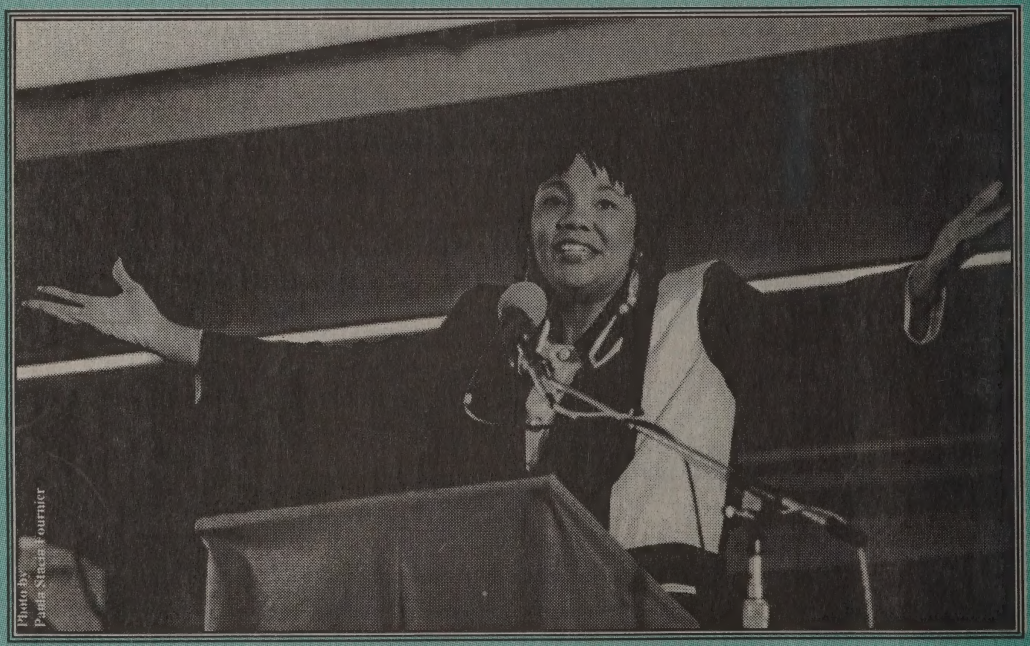
S-CAP can be contacted in the following ways:
Colorado Springs
P. O. Box 311
80901
(719) 578-9092
TDD AVAILABLE

Pueblo
P. O. Box 3277 81005
(719) 561-2616
Alamosa
P. O. Box 1370 81101
(719) 589-8412
Toll Free in 719 area code: 1-800-241-5468
FOR HIV TESTING, PRE-POST TEST COUNSELING:
El Paso Cty Health Dpt. (719) 578-3148
Otero Cty Health Dept. (719) 384-2584
Pueblo Health Dept. (719) 544-6376
Valley-Wide Health Services, Inc-Alamosa (719) 589-5161
AGENCIES FUNDED THROUGH THE SOUTHERN COLORADO AIDS CONSORTIUM:
El Paso Cty Health Dpt. (719) 578-3148
Pikes Peak Hospice (719) 633-3400
S.E.T. of Colo. Spgs. (719) 630-5476
The Monarch House Group, Inc. (719) 634-0133
Visiting Nurse's Agency Association (719) 577-4448

31 FRIDAY

ALL LIVE MALE ENTERTAINER/VOCALIST David Burril H&S

We are More alike than unalike, my friends!!!



Yolanda King brought her message, and that of her father, of love and tolerance to Colorado Springs in October of 1993 where she spoke to the Colorado Unity Rally for Equality of which Ground Zero was a part. Ms. King also spoke of those who oppose multiculturalism and likened them to segregationists of old, declaring that racism, sexism and heterosexism are as much a threat today as they were in her father's day.